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Halloween Fire & Safety Tips from the State Fire Marshal

Carson City, NV~The Department of Public Safety's State Fire Marshal Division **reminds you to have a safe and happy Halloween! Helpful tips:**

On Halloween night:

- To light Jack-O-Lanterns, use battery-powered lights—Not candles.
- Keep small children away from open flames.
- Remove objects from the yard that present a hazard to children (garden tools, hoses, etc.).
- Be extremely careful with cornstalks and other harvest-season items. Keep them away from sources of heat. Don't let them block doorways or stairs.
- Do not allow children to carry sharp sticks or other objects that could cause injury.
- If you are driving on Halloween, watch out for trick-or-treaters who will be too busy to watch out for you.
- Closely inspect all candy before allowing children to eat it. Discard any unwrapped treats from a stranger. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Look for alternative activities in your neighborhood. Churches, community centers, and shopping malls often offer a place where children can have fun and be safe.

Choose the right costume:

- Use only costumes made of flame-retardant material.
- Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping. Avoid baggy sleeves and billowing skirts.
- Costumes should be made of lightly colored materials that can be seen easily. Also, use glow-in-the-dark reflective tape on costumes.
- Masks can obstruct vision. Use make-up instead.

For more tips: www.fire.state.nv.us

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